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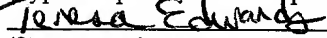
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IN THE SPECIFICATION

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-11, 16-21 and 24-30 without prejudice.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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